

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney appreciates the examiner's indication of the allowance of claims 1-8, 10 and 11. The reasons for allowance noted are that the prior art of record neither discloses nor makes obvious the combination set forth of the elements of claim 1, in particular with the pressure-regulating valve and the throttle in the drive line according to the invention.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 2003/0062031 to Tanimura is respectfully requested.

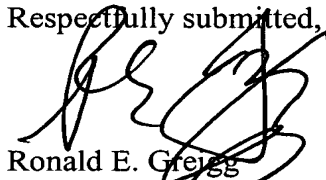
Tanimura, as indicated by the examiner, discloses fuel reservoir 15, fuel pump 12, vertical suction jet pumps 17, 18, drive line 19, pressure line 13, check valve 19a, jet pump 18 having suction port 16 drawing fuel from pan region 11a, jet pump 17 having intake line 14 from saddle region 11b, and drive line segments from drive line 19 to jet pumps 17, 18.

Tanimura appears to disclose the elements of claim 12 as set forth by the examiner in the rejection. However, the examiner points out in the response to the arguments that the feature according to the invention of preventing reverse flow of fuel from the pan side to the saddle side are not recited in the claim. Applicant has added this feature to claim 12 in order to distinguish the claim over the prior art of record.

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Entry of the amendment and allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited.

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